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SUBJECT: POLISH EMBOFF ON RFE

SUMMARY: POLISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR CZARNECKI DISCUSSED RFE OVER LUNCH WITH CONSULAR OFFICER DURING VISIT TO MUNICH MARCH 22. HE ATTACKED STATION FOR MEDDLING IN POLISH AFFAIRS, BUT WITHOUT PRESENTING SPECIFICS, AND INDICATED ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE COULD BLOCK PROGRESS ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND MOVEMENT AT CSCE. END SUMMARY

1. CZARNECKI ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PLANS FOR CHANGES IN RFE OR PLANS TO CLOSE IT. CONSULATE OFFICER ASSURED HIM CHEERFULLY THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR CLOSING, MENTIONING THAT PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION HAD DRAWN UP REPORT ON WAYS OF FINANCING STATION IN FUTURE AND QUESTION WOULD BE TAKEN UP SOON BY CONGRESS, WHERE THERE APPEARED TO BE CLEAR FAVORABLE MAJORITY.

2. CZARNECKI EMPHASIZED HEAVILY AND REPEATEDLY THAT STATION POSED SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR POLES BECAUSE OF ITS INTERFERENCE IN POLISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PRESSED SEVERAL TIMES TO GIVE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF BROADCASTS THAT WERE OBJECTIONABLE, HE DISCLAIMED DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF PROGRAMS BUT EVENTUALLY DID MENTION BROADCAST OF SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ON FINNO- SOVIET WAR, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH HE CHARGED ATTEMPTED TO STIR UP ANTI- SOVIET FEELINGS AND INDUCE POLAND TO FOLLOW ANTI- SOVIET POLICY. SUCH A POLICY, HE SAID, WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR POLAND. CONSULATE OFFICER REPLIED BANK DURING JULY AND AUGUST, 1968, WHICH CONCERNED THE PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFT BY MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES, WHAT WAS DISCUSSED CONCERNING THE PURCHASE AT THAT MEETING AND WAS ANY DECISION REACHED REGARDING A PURCHASE. IN ORDER TO REFRESH THE WITNESSES MEMORIES WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COPIES OF THE INTRA BANK MEETING MINUTES TO BE FORWARDED TO MR. KENNEDY.

WE HAVE INTERVIEWED THE BOEING COMPANY EMPLOYEES IN BEIRUT WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THEY HAVE STATED THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED, DURING THE CRITICAL PERIOD, CONCERNING BOEING PROSPECTS CAME FROM MR. DWOR. IT WAS PARTLY BECAUSE OF INFORMATION BOEING RECEIVED FROM MR. DWOR THAT A DECISION WAS MADE TO ASK MR. BADRE TO TERMINATE AND TO REPLACE HIM WITH A NEW REPRESENTATIVE. THE QUESTIONS WE PROPOSE TO ASK MR. DWOR WOULD DEAL WITH WHAT INFORMATION HE HAD PASSED ON TO BOEING IN THE SUMMER OF 1968 CONCERNING THE PROSPECTS FOR A SALE AND SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING THE NEED FOR NEW REPRESENTATION.

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